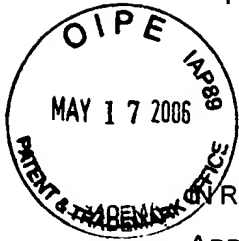


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The present communication responds to the Office Action dated 23 February 2006 in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the list of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.